

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of September 27-28, 2025

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Connecting the Gospel to Your Culture

(Acts 17:16-34)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud Acts 17:16-34.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

How often, if ever, do you talk about the gospel with those around you who do not describe themselves as followers of Christ?

Whether you do or do not talk about the gospel to the world around you, what causes you to speak or to remain quiet?

When you do talk about the gospel to non-believers, how well does the message connect to them and to current culture?

Within this passage, Pastor Alan highlights four ways he sees Paul effectively share the gospel with the culture around him.

First, Paul, "Sees culture through the lens of God's heart." (vs. 17:16)

How much compassion do you feel towards those who live in a way that opposes your lifestyle?

If the best way to truly see people is to be in relationship with them, who are you spending time with? How diverse are the people you spend most of your time with?

What could it look like to form deeper relationships with a more diverse social circle?

Second, Paul, “Affirmed God’s image in people.” (vs. 17:22-23)

How often, if ever, do you find yourself affirming God’s image in those around you?

When have you been able to do this with non-believers and what has this looked like?

How has this been received?

If you do not typically do this, think of someone in your life (like the Boulder woman Pastor Alan mentioned). How could you bring this type of affirmation into conversation with this person?

Third, Paul, “Found connection between who God is and a longing in people’s hearts.” (vs. 17:27-29)

What universal longings do you see in the people around you no matter what their faith tradition?

If you have spoken with non-Christ followers about these universal longings, how has this gone?

Fourth, Paul, “Invited people to respond to who God is.” (vs. 29)

Paul challenged his listeners to “repent” – to return to God.

If you speak with non-believers about “repentance,” how do you talk about what repentance is?

If repentance is a decision to return to God, how might this be different than how you have perceived this word in the past? And what impact could that make on how you communicate that word/action with those around you?

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend’s message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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